

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11 and ending at page 6, line 22:

Extended peak strain region 166 moves the concentration of peak strain away from the preload bend and into region 166. Region 166 is substantially planar and provides a large surface area on which to attach a damper 164. Damper 164 covers at least a portion of peak strain region 166. In one embodiment, damper 164 includes a damping material made of a viscoelastic polymer that is a pressure sensitive adhesive. Those skilled in the art should recognize that the damping material of damper 164 could be other damping materials that include these characteristics: (1) high adhesion to a variety of materials through pressure; (2) low outgassing contamination; and (3) operable across a wide range of temperatures. A constraining layer of polyester, ~~m~~MylarTM (a polyester film available from E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company of Wilmington, Delaware) or stainless steel covers the damping material. This list of example materials for the constraining layer is not exhaustive and can include other materials with constraining properties.